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## NEAR ZERO MARK REACHED EARLY TODAY

SNOW STORM AND DROP IN  
TEMPERATURE MARKED  
BY WEATHERMAN

Putnam county experienced a severe drop in temperature Christmas Day that will be well remembered. Sunday midnight, the mercury stood at 36 degrees, and at midnight Christmas night, it was 14 degrees above zero, and at seven o'clock Tuesday morning, the same mercury stood at one above zero. It was the coldest morning Putnam county has experienced during the present winter season.

Christmas morning was gloomy and overcast with practically no ceiling, so far as the sky was concerned, but by noon-time it grew worse and during mid-afternoon a severe snow-storm swept the community, blanketing the ground with at least an inch of snow.

Late in the day the temperature began dropping rapidly and apparently it was too cold to snow and from there on it was simply a case of watching the temperature go down from its high point of mid-morning. There was a drop of approximately fifteen degrees during the 24 hour period from seven o'clock Christmas morning to the same hour Tuesday morning. The prospect for the next day or two is somewhat better, as the weather man says it will be clear and not quite so cold.

The coldest weather of the season hit the Midwest today with the mercury dipping to 16 degrees below zero at Rockford, Ill., and the Federal Weather Bureau at Chicago said no immediate relief was foreseen. Sub-zero temperatures were reported for the entire bloc of north central states from Michigan to Iowa and as far south as northern Missouri, with the lowest reported at Rockford, Iowa. City and Mason City, Iowa, reported 15 degrees below zero and at Springfield, Ill., the low was 12.

Scores of cities in Illinois reported below zero weather. The mercury dropped to two below at Chicago at 4 a. m. and the weatherman said it would go to five below before noon. Lower Michigan reported no sub-zero temperatures before 4 a. m. but it was expected to reach that mark in the areas near the lakes today.

Warmer temperatures were expected tomorrow, the weather forecaster said, but the relief will be only temporary.

The cold wave was caused by a cool mass of air moving across the nation in a southeasterly direction, the weatherman said.

## EASTER RITES TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Elizabeth Easter will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Rector Funeral Home. Rev. Sellers will be in charge of the services. Burial will be in the Forest Hill Abbey. Friends may call at the funeral home.

## LUPE'S BODY GOES HOME TO MEXICO

EL PASO, TEXAS, Dec. 26.—The body of Lupe Velez, film actress who died from an overdose of sleeping drugs, was due to arrive in Mexico City tomorrow afternoon. It passed through El Paso into Mexico late yesterday, accompanied by Miss Edith Juniga. Members of the family who had gone from Mexico to Los Angeles returned to their homes by plane.

## 20 Years Ago IN GREENCASTLE

Piercy Allee was home from Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth West were visiting in Coatesville. Noble King was here from Danville, Ill. Miss Joan Ash was at home from Chicago. Miss Mary Jane Rush of Rockville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Rush.

## CONGRESSIONAL PARTY VIEWS PACIFIC AIR MIGHT



FROM THE DECK OF THIS carrier, members of Congress visiting the Pacific area observe the accuracy of Navy gunners firing at a towed sleeve target. Peering through binoculars is Adm. C. W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet. At his right is Congressman J. J. Heffernan of New York, chairman of the sub-committee from the House on tour. At the admiral's left is Congresswoman Margaret C. Smith of Maine, first woman representative to visit the Central Pacific war area. This is an official United States Navy photo. (International Soundphoto)

## Boys Found In Sorority House

Night policeman Malcom Bruner was called to the Alpha Phi sorority house about 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning by fire house mother at the residence.

The officer found three young boys in the building and took them to the Putnam county jail pending further investigation. Chief of Police Russell Clapp said that the boys admitted breaking into the Phi Gam house earlier Monday night. They told him that they had some cigarettes and other loot hid under the platform of the freight house at the rear of the Indiana Railroad bus station.

Chief Clapp stated that one boy was 10, another 11 years of age, and the third was a little older. They will be brought up in juvenile court for questioning and other action.

## Asked To Give Christmas Paper

The Boy Scouts will collect waste paper Wednesday afternoon. Citizens are asked to have the paper out on the curb by one o'clock so when the trucks come it will be ready for collection.

Those in charge are especially urging residents to save their Christmas wrappings and put them out for this drive. Practically everyone has at least this for the drive and most people will have boxes which are needed desperately. If this small contribution will help our boys at the fighting front surely it is our duty to see that we have ours out in front of our houses. Saving the old wrappings and papers will help no one and is just a fire hazard and a burden to take care of. Let's all help the Scouts tomorrow and do our bit toward the war effort.

## ADMITS KILLING BOY

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 26.—(UP)—Virginia Ivey, 19-year-old waitress whom police had sought for more than a month for the slaying of five-year-old Virgil (Butchy) Langley whose foster parents had left him in her care, calmly admitted today that she killed the boy with a wine bottle after returning from a party.

"He had gotten out of his bed and he refused to go back," she told deputy prosecutor Lincoln Shropshire, who said she would be arraigned, probably today, on first degree murder charges. The slaying occurred in her apartment at Toppenish, Wash.

Miss Ivey was arrested at Portland, Ore., Christmas Eve in a hotel where she was working as a chambermaid. Authorities had picked up her trail twice before and missed her by a matter of minutes as she moved on. She said she had been on the verge of giving herself up several times.

## 113,221 Japs Lost On Leyte

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 26 (UP)—American forces set their sights for other Philippine islands today after completing the capture of Leyte, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur said the Japanese lost 113,221 men in their worst military defeat in history.

Two Christmas day amphibious landings in the enemy rear, one of them resulting in the capture of the port of Palompon, and another across the north-west tip to the west coast ended the Leyte campaign except for minor mopping up.

MacArthur said the completeness of the destruction of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's forces on Leyte "has seldom been paralleled in the history of warfare."

"General Yamashita has sustained perhaps the greatest defeat in the military annals of the Japanese army," MacArthur asserted.

Where MacArthur will strike next in the Philippines naturally remained a closely-guarded military secret. However, the Japanese have been predicting that he will send invasion forces ashore on Luzon, site of the capital city of Manila.

Escorted American Liberators continued their almost daily raids on the network of airfields around Manila with two attacks Saturday and Sunday on Clark field. Forty tons of bombs were reported dropped Sunday, when escorting fighters shot down 18 to 20 of 50 to 60 intercepting Japanese planes. One American plane was lost.

American troops landed on Mindoro, only eight and a half miles across a narrow channel from Luzon, Dec. 16 and already planes were operating from newly-built airfields only 145 miles south of Manila.

MacArthur's troops brought the Leyte campaign to a blazing close Christmas day with amphibious landing at Palompon, 15 miles northwest of Ormoc and the last port on the island still in Japanese hands, and at Puerto Bello, due west across Ormoc bay from Ormoc.

The 77th division, Liberators of Ormoc, caught the Japanese completely unaware with its landing at Palompon and forced inland to within 10 miles or less of another column striking along the east-west road from the Ormoc corridor. Little resistance was being encountered.

The seventh division landed at Puerto Bello, five and a half miles west Ormoc, also against little resistance, while the 32nd and first cavalry divisions, smashing the last enemy resistance in the Ormoc corridor, drove rapidly toward the west.

Farther north, the 24th division marched clear across the northwest tip of the island and cleaned up the west coast in the San Isidro area, 25 miles north of Palompon.

MacArthur placed Japanese (Continued on Page Two)

## Circuit Court Jurors Drawn

John W. Cherry and Charles A. Rockwell, Jury Commissioners met in the office of the clerk of the Putnam Circuit Court Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock and drew the following list of names to serve on the grand jury and petit jury for the year 1945:

**Grand Jury**  
Regular Panel  
D. W. G. Overstreet, Greencastle

Oscar Irwin, Madison twp.  
Paul H. Sutherland, Franklin twp.

Fred McGaughey, Russell twp.  
Raymond Skelton, Greencastle twp.

Ernest Frazier, Washington twp.

**Alternates**  
John Dietrich, Greencastle twp.

Wm. Newman, Marion twp.  
George F. Finney, Jefferson twp.

**Petit Jury**  
Regular Panel  
Aubrey Lewis, Cloverdale twp.

Gilbert McCamack, Cloverdale twp.

Charles Bogan, Franklin twp.  
Nelson Mood, Madison twp.

Wm. E. Powell, Cloverdale twp.

Lora Buis, Jefferson twp.  
Ora Day, Marion twp.

Fred Parks, Warren twp.  
Walter Jeffries, Franklin twp.

Ralph McGaughey, Russell twp.  
Joe Garrett, Floyd twp.

Glen H. Mark, Jefferson twp.

**Alternates**  
David W. Houck, Washington twp.

Elmer Blacketter, Clinton twp.  
Leslie Hamaker, Greencastle twp.

Clay Neier, Monroe twp.  
Homer C. Morrison, Greencastle twp.

Walter Beam, Jackson twp.  
J. R. South, Monroe twp.

Bruno Mann, Madison twp.  
Oliver P. Wright, Washington twp.

Ed L. Kersey, Washington twp.  
Roy S. Phillips, Marion twp.

Roscoe Hillis, Floyd twp.

## NUBBINS ENJOYS SECOND CHRISTMAS

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 26.—Forest (Nubbins) Hoffman, 3, Cheyenne boy who tugged at a nation's heart, thought Monday was just a continuation of Christmas.

Nubbins, who had Christmas Nov. 19 because his parents feared he might not live until today, told his father this morning: "I saw Santa Claus a long time ago."

There was no celebration at the Hoffman home, but Nubbins played with gifts which poured in from throughout the country.

Nubbins, who started recovering after he was operated on at Denver for removal of a bladder obstruction, was able to eat a lot more today than he did Nov. 19. The family had turkey.

"It's really a Thanksgiving dinner," said the happy father.

## SERVICES FOR MORRIS RIVERS HELD SUNDAY

MILITARY HONORS PERFORMED FOR RUSSELLVILLE CADET

Last rites were held in the Russellville Federated church Sunday afternoon for Aviation Cadet Morris E. Rivers, who died in a plane crash in Texas. Rev. Bickett had charge of the services and burial was in the Russellville cemetery.

Pall bearers were Orville Everman, George Kelly, Ray Rivers, Oren Kelly and Lawrence Kelly.

Flower bearers were Mabel Potter, Olive Evans, Alice Compton, Lucille Buckler, Doris Wilson, Mary Cooper, Betty Cooper, Beverly Cooper, Helen Harbison, Barbara Kelly, Japice Kelly, Betty Rose Jines, Jean Greaves, Wilma Haines, Ardell Rivers, Inez Harbison, Ella Jane Kelly, Esther Kelly, Ramona Phillips, Dorothy Everman, Iola Kelly, Virginia Smithson, Loraine Smithson, Walker Ramsey and Raymond Harbison.

Honorary pall bearers were Lt. Ramsey, Maj. Sutherland, Lt. Harbison, Lt. Chas. Resenhouse, and Lt. Overstreet.

Several instrumental pieces were played on the piano by Iva Reynolds, including the Army Air Corps song, Maurice Bratton sang "My Buddy" and Mrs. E. F. Breaks and Mrs. Lester McClamroch sang "Whispering Hope."

Several members of the WACS and officers from Stout Field attended and the military services were conducted at the grave by a firing squad.

The crowd of relatives and friends taxed the church to its capacity.

## Escape Report A 'Smoke Screen'

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 26.—The Phoenix Gazette said today the escape of 25 German prisoners of war from the Papago Park Camp east of here was being probed today as a possible "smoke screen" to aid two or three reported "big shots" in the Nazi party and German navy in a carefully planned escape.

Most of those known to have broken away from the camp in the first hours of darkness, during a lashing rainstorm last night, were mostly officers.

Six have been captured, some of whom gave themselves up to residents in the vicinity of the camp.

The newspaper said false roofs in various buildings at the camp were to be "gassed" today to determine if any of the missing prisoners are hiding to await a more favorable time to carry out their plans.

It was learned by the Gazette that members of the group had been giving the authorities "trouble" lately, and that tear gas was used Saturday night to break up a threatened parade by prisoners around the camp grounds.

"Jurgen Wattenberg, 43, a lieutenant colonel, who is supposed to be an admiral in rank and to have been stationed on the Graf Spee, German pocket battleship sunk by the British, was the ringleader in activities of the group," the article read.

During preliminary investigation, two or three skillfully camouflaged holes in the inner fence of the stockade were found, the Gazette said.

## SOVIETS RATIFY TREATY

LONDON, Dec. 26.—(UP)—The Franco-Soviet treaty negotiated by Gen. Charles de Gaulle and Marshal Josef Stalin has been ratified, the Moscow radio said today.

## DYNAMITE FOUND

ATHENS, Dec. 26 (UP)—Nearly a ton of dynamite was found cached in a sewer directly below the Great Britain hotel, British and Greek government headquarters, today only a few hours before Prime Minister Churchill was to convene a peace conference with Elias and Greek government leaders.

## ROACHDALE BOY ABOARD SHIP SUNK AT LEYTE

Eugene C. Hostetter, 17, son of Mrs. Hugh Burdett of Roachdale was aboard the destroyer Mahan which was sunk by the Japs at Leyte Dec. 8. There was a crew of approximately 170 men. The number of casualties was not disclosed. In a letter to his mother written Dec. 9 Eugene states he is alright. He is in the signal corps.

## SOVIET ARMY TROOPS STORM INTO BUDAPEST

THRUST DOOMS THOUSANDS OF GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN SOLDIERS

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—(UP)—The Red Army stormed into Budapest from the west today after apparently completing its encirclement in a spectacular flanking sweep that doomed thousands of German and Hungarian troops to death or surrender inside the tottering capital.

A new Hungarian provisional government already was preparing to enter Budapest behind the Red Army.

German panzers, infantry and self-propelled guns counter-attacked at least 25 times in the past 24 hours, but finally fell back into the city for a last-stand. The advancing Russians slashed across all railways and presumably also had severed the last two secondary highways running northwest to Vienna.

At least 81 Nazi tanks were knocked out in the breakthrough area Saturday and Sunday. Front dispatches said some Germans charged the Soviet lines drunk and singing, only to be cut down to the last man by Russian machine-guns.

Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army broke open the western flank of the axis lines around Budapest yesterday after a swirling five-day battle that cost the Germans and Hungarians almost 20,000 men killed or captured.

Advancing as much as 15 miles through a 25-mile breach in the axis defenses, the Red Army sealed the fate of the capital with a thrust to within six miles of the Danube crossing at Esztergom, 19 miles to the north.

A communique said the enemy was in full retreat, abandoning huge quantities of equipment in a rush to escape the rapidly-closing trap. Thousands of Nazi and Hungarian soldiers were hemmed inside the city itself, however, and it seemed certain that in a matter of days at most they would have an opportunity to make good their boast to turn Budapest into another Stalingrad.

With little prospect of extricating more than a scattering of men and equipment from the city, military observers believed the Nazis would use Budapest's subways, mills, canals and tall buildings for a destructive and suicidal delaying stand.

One Soviet spearhead drove into the capital's western limits yesterday in a five mile advance that carried from Torbagy to Budapest, which is separated from the city's built-up districts by a mile-wide park.

Nine miles to the south, another armored column penetrated within two miles of the city proper at Nagytetyen, and a communique disclosed that everywhere along the nine-mile line the Soviets were only three miles or less from their goal.

Tolbukhin's left wing, meanwhile, hammered out a 15-mile gain northward from captured Bicske to seize Csolnok, six miles below Esztergom and less than five miles from the Danube bend. Another spearhead to the southeast took Leanyvar, 13 miles northwest of Budapest and less than nine miles south of the Danube.

Only two secondary highway escape lines leading northwest to Vienna remained open to the Budapest garrison at nightfall yesterday. Both were under direct Russian artillery fire and the speed of the Soviet advance indicated they might already have been cut.

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## TAKE ROSETTA

ROME, Dec. 26.—(UP)—Canadian troops of the Eighth Army occupied Rosetta, 10 miles northwest of Ravenna, after savage house to house fighting Christmas Day and were reported driving today along the east bank of the Senior river toward the German stronghold of Alfonsina, nine miles northwest of Ravenna on the Ferrara road.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

Jacob Franklin Hirt, III, Greencastle, and Mary Louise Mace, Parke county.

William N. Rogers, Greencastle, and Violet M. Hanlon, Stilesville.

## Timber Wolf Is Killed On 136

Clifford Fry and Noble Fry, Curt Mason and son, all living west of Roachdale on road 136, found a real gray timber wolf hung in a wire fence on their farm early Christmas morning and killed it. Messrs. Fry brought the animal here Tuesday and all who saw it at the fire department, said it was a real wolf.

Farmers in the vicinity of where it was killed, have been missing pigs and chickens for some time and they believe the wolf is responsible for it.

The animal had caught its hind leg in the fence and was trapped. The men succeeded in getting close to it before it got loose and shot it twice in the head before it was pronounced dead.

## Capone Mob Makes Threat

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A hostile greeting for George Browne and Willie Bioff today was being prepared for them in the event they return to Chicago following their release from the federal prison at Sandstone, Minn.

Officials and underworld sources said they would run the pair out of town—with gangland leaders promising them a ride in a hearse.

The situation stems from the fact Browne and Bioff went to jail for extorting 10,000,000 from Hollywood movie magnates under pretext of preventing labor troubles, then won federal paroles for testifying against six Capone gang chiefs who were convicted in the same racket.

Officials opposing return of the notorious pair include State Attorney William J. Tuohy and Rudolph Dvorak, assistant director of the Chicago Crime Commission.

As far as a gangland welcome goes, Coroner A. L. Brodie said he might as well assign a couple of numbers in his morgue records now if the pair is determined to come here.

Daniel D. Carmell, attorney for the Chicago and Illinois Federations of Labor, said the fact the pair looted the treasury of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees and gave labor one of its worst black eyes hasn't been forgotten.

## Flames Destroy Business Section

FRANCESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 23 (UP)—The entire business district of this little town of 800 persons in Pulaski county smoldered today after fire, blamed on an overheated stove in the apartment of Clarence Westfall, swept through four stories, two apartments and one service station.

The blaze was stopped late last night by firemen from Winamac, Medaryville and Francesville, according to Fire Chief O. J. Getz.

The Fire Chief said that all buildings were destroyed except the Mallon Dry Goods Store, which was saved by a fireproof wall, and the service station, which was partially razed.

Westfall, occupant of the apartment where the blaze was believed to have originated, had left for work earlier in the evening, Getz said.

## NAZIS LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE IN BELGIUM

GERMANS WITHIN 14 MILES OF STRATEGIC MEUSE RIVER TODAY

PARIS, Dec. 26 (UP)—The German army drove three fast-rolling panzer columns into the Franco-Belgian border area within 14 miles of the Meuse today in a new surge of power that ripped away a deep American bulge in its right flank and linked up the northern and central prongs of the Nazi offensive in a solid 35-mile front.

The sudden collapse of the American pocket below the Malmédy-Stavelot line after two days of relative stability sent Nazi tanks and armored troop carriers spilling westward along the northern wall of the corridor to join their central spearheads driving for the Meuse.

Exploiting the break-through, the Nazis sent three armored spearheads through the riddled center and right center of the American First Army line on a 13-mile pointed squarely at the Meuse River citadels of Dinant and Namur.

Rochefort, 14 miles east of the Meuse and 15 miles east-southeast of Dinant, was captured by the Germans 36 hours ago and it was indicated their vanguards still were rolling forward.

German paratroops struck 12 miles ahead of their advancing tank forces, descending behind the American lines north of Geauraing, five miles from the Meuse city of Givet and only a half-dozen miles from French soil.

Headquarters communique said the Nazi paratroops were mopped up quickly in the Geauraing area, along with another airborne force that tried to disrupt American communications southwest of Stavelot, some 45 miles to the rear.

Simultaneously, other Nazi tank and shock troop formations lashed out for the Meuse in the Marche sector, eight miles northeast of Rochefort, and around Hottot, 4 1/2 miles farther to the north.

The new German breakthrough was aided enormously by a sudden weakening of American resistance along the northern shoulder of the Salient. Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army doughboys were squeezed out of a bulge extending down about seven miles from the Malmédy-Stavelot line, permitting the northern and central prongs of the Nazi drive to link up in a solid 35-mile front.

With the center of the American line still in a highly fluid state, the great winter offensive launched by Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt 11 days ago already had carved out a Salient 37 miles deep and from southern Belgium to central Luxembourg. At last reports, admittedly 36 hours old, the Nazis still were rolling westward in a power drive of grave proportions.

## STORES CLOSING

Greencastle stores will go back to their regular hours and will be closed Wednesday afternoon.

## RECEIVE XMAS CARD

Mrs. M. H. Decker received a Christmas card from her son, Harold that he had made himself. Harold wrote that it was impossible to buy cards where he is stationed overseas.

## Today's Weather and Local Temperature

Clear and cold today and tonight except light snow westward today; fair and warmer Wednesday.

Minimum	1
6 a. m.	2
7 a. m.	2
8 a. m.	1
9 a. m.	2
10 a. m.	2
11 a. m.	11
12 noon	17
1 p. m.	19
2 p. m.	19



## Plans For Legislative Session And Legislation Are Being Made

(Editors: This is the first in a series on the results of a United Press survey to determine the views of Indiana legislators on pertinent questions relating to state governments in preparation for the 1945 session of the general assembly beginning Jan. 4.)

By Boyd Gill

(UP Staff Correspondent)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—Indiana legislators have no intentions of draining the state general fund surplus of \$43,669,000 (n) in wartime spending.

The United Press found in a sampling of opinion among the 1945 state senators and representatives that the "guard it well now, spend it judiciously when the time comes" theory was popular with the legislators.

In fact, there was not a single proposal propounded to spend as much as a nickel of the sum now. Everybody wanted to save it for an after-the-war period when they believed the state's income would be smaller and the ability to build up a buffer trust would be less.

But after the war, the legislators, who come here Jan. 4 for a two-month biennial regular session, have some pretty definite ideas as to how part of the money should be spent.

"If we meet the obligations of the state toward our state institutions and public salaries, we won't need to worry about a surplus," a democratic senator said.

"Let it (the surplus) alone unless it is put to work earning. There will be a time when it may be much needed," another said. Other opinions favored use of part of the money for war veterans' rehabilitation, for improving state institutions and for roads.

"It would be made available for post-war construction and much needed state repair," one representative commented. Another said:

"Keep most of it intact until the boys come home. At least, it should not be spent until after the end of the war."

A republican senator suggested that \$15,000,000 (n) of the sum be "frozen" for two years. He also suggested a systematic plan of spending \$10,000,000 (n) to enlarge benevolent institutions.

Another Republican senator believed that at some future time part of the money might be "given" to municipalities for

the improvement of streets. (Retain it for postwar and depression years," a Republican representative urged, indicating that he felt the present wartime prosperity would not continue.

Another said that the money should be kept "intact and the surplus used for the building of state institution buildings, and looking forward to a real hospital for veterans." He also recommended consideration of a Indiana war memorial plaza-building program.

A southern Indiana Republican in the house said that part of the surplus should be used as a lending fund for municipalities and counties, to be used in construction work.

But most of the legislators said simply and briefly that the money should be saved until it was needed more than it is now. The only difference in their expressions of opinions was the words they used — the theme identical.

## Warn Against Robot Bombs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP)—The nation's civilian defense corps has been alerted to the possibility of enemy robot or rocket bomb attacks. National Civilian Defense officials disclosed today.

The action, OCD emphasized, is merely one of routine preparedness and "should not be interpreted to cause any alarm."

"We want the public to become conscious of but not excited about the possibility of a robot attack," a spokesman said. "Our protection instruction bulletin is in line with the policy of being prepared for any eventuality."

The agency said it had distributed to all state councils protection bulletins covering instructions to civilians "regarding their conduct in the event of robot or rocket bomb attacks."

Meanwhile, several defense units in the eastern defense command were reported to have been re-activated to study preparations for additional defense and protection in the event of a V-bomb attack.

OCD said governors of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia met recently with eastern defense command army officials and civilian defense chiefs to discuss re-activation of "certain civilian defense services."

## SOCIETY

Keck-Koessler  
Vows Exchanged

Thelma Jean Koessler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koessler of Bainbridge, and Herbert Keck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keck of Roachdale, were married Thursday evening at the home of the Rev. Raymond Skelton at Greencastle. Witnesses were Miss Mary Mary Jane Koessler and Robert Richards, both of Bainbridge.

The bride was attired in an aqua blue street length dress with black accessories. She wore a corsage of red roses.

Mrs. Keck is a graduate of the Bainbridge High School in 1944. The couple will be at home to their friends in their new home south of Roachdale. Mr. Keck is a farmer.

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Martha Washington  
Club Meets Wednesday

The Martha Washington Club will meet Wednesday evening at seven o'clock with Mrs. Claud Wimmer. Mrs. Will Glidewell will have charge of the program.

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Wilbur Carmichael  
Weds Marilyn Herbert

Wilbur Carmichael and Marilyn Herbert of Manhattan were united in marriage Sunday evening at a candle light service at the Christian Church with the Rev. Fellers officiating the double ring ceremony.

Miss Geneva Hassler and Leon Shinn were the attendants

## ANNIVERSARIES

Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Friend, 23 years Saturday, Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Commodore Demmit, Lincoln Avenue, 40 years yesterday, Christmas Day.

Birthdays

Wallace Gordon Kelly, U S N., 24 years yesterday, Dec. 25.

Paul Wright, yesterday, December 25.

Otis Ford, Bainbridge, 71 years today, December 26.

## Yank Airmen Pin Nips Down

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HDQ., Philippines, Dec. 26.—American air power kept the Japanese pinned down from Manila to New Guinea, in support of the Philippine campaign, as ground forces closed in today on the last enemy strong point on Leyte.

The sustained and systematic air attacks reached a new peak of fury, wrecking many enemy planes on the ground, smashing installations and battering enemy shipping.

(A compilation based on daily communiques showed that, in the Philippines alone, the Japanese have lost 1,869 planes in November and December, 743 of them this month. In addition there were 80 probables. American losses for the same period totaled 94 in the Philippines.)

Heaviest blows reported by Monday's communique were at Halamahera, in the Moluccas, and at Manila's Grace Park Air-drome.

Heavy, medium and light planes hit Halamahera with 280 tons of bombs in sustaining December's daily strikes at the Moluccas. The heaviest previous raid was 100 tons on Dec. 8.

Some 25 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground as the Philippine-based heavy bombers raided the Manila field. No Japanese plane rose to challenge the bombers' fighter escort.

Other American bombers raided Mindanao and the Visayas group in the Philippines, Lesser Sundas, Borneo, New Guinea and Bismarck and Solomons Islands targets.

The 77th Infantry Division on Leyte closed in on Alimpon, west coast port and last escape point for the shattered enemy. American troops counted 2,640 more enemy dead. Additional large quantities of material were seized.

Occupation of Mindoro Island continued almost unopposed. Seven Japanese planes were shot down in an ineffective raid on the new San Jose airfield only half an hour's flying time from Manila.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our husband and father, Lloyd Hubble, who passed away Dec. 26, 1937. Seven years have passed since that sad day.

When one we loved was called away; God took him home, it was His will.

But in our hearts he liveth still. Agnes Hubble and children.

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## TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

God did protect his people in ancient times from the fierce and ruthless Assyrians. We can discern his hand in our own day: Thou hast been a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat. When the blast from the terrible ones is as a storm.—Isaiah 25:4.

## Personal and LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Miss Orpha Stout is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Eva Rogers.

Mrs. Daisy Witt returned to her home in Roachdale, Saturday.

Thomas Bittles returned to his home, 408 east Walnut street, on Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Robbins is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Crump.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Riley and daughter, Carolyn of Sullivan spent Christmas here.

Mrs. Beulah Knauer spent the Christmas holidays in North Vernon visiting with friends.

Mrs. Mary Jane May and baby daughter returned to their home on south Locust street Saturday.

Barbara Fournier, 203 Bloomington street, is visiting with her sister, Suzanne, at Gilman, Ill.

Mrs. Ruth Zimmerman and baby daughter returned to their home at 107 Hill street on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Riley and daughter Patricia were here from Indianapolis over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Akins and family of Martinsville, were visitors in Greencastle Christmas Day.

Mrs. Rose Harcourt spent the week-end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Royal Harcourt in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Lillie Reeves, 312 west Walnut, spent Christmas Day in Indianapolis with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Enterline spent Christmas in Sullivan, Ill., visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John R. Black.

Mrs. Zella Farmer of Indianapolis spent the Christmas holidays visiting with relatives in Greencastle.

Miss Meyrl Michael, 405 east Washington street, was admitted to the Putnam County hospital on Saturday.

Mrs. Eva Rogers spent Christmas holidays visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stout, of Orleans, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hedge were here from Middletown Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hedge and family.

Mrs. Okie Rambo and Mrs. Erma Allen and daughter, Guitania Lee of Anderson spent the week-end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maddox.

Miss Judy Friend, who is cadet nurse at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, is home spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Damon Woodrum and son of Indianapolis and Harley Ford of Greencastle spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ford of Bainbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maddox called on Cleon Potter in Indianapolis Sunday evening. Mr. Potter, a brother of Mrs. Maddox, underwent a major operation recently.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Ruark entertained with a Christmas dinner for Mrs. Dan Donohue, Mrs. Robert Wallace of Belleville, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Ora Ruark of Lockport, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ruark of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newell and daughter of Indianapolis, Cpl. Reese Brown of Camp Custer, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Campbell and family and Vietta Brown spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. John Sinclair and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sinclair.

Cpl. Eugene Allen arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife, Lucile.

## Food Supplies At Low Level

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(UP)—Warned by Price Chief Chester Bowles that many of the nation's food supplies are at the war's lowest ebb, housewives today began paying out blue points again for most canned meat that has been point-free for many months.

Would-be hoarders were caught unaware by the suddenness of the OPA's move, which was advanced at least 24 hours due to premature circulation of reports that OPA was going to broaden the food rationing program.

The situation, in brief, is this: As of last midnight all ration-free vegetables are now back on the ration list. This includes asparagus, green and waxed beans, corn, spinach, and peas. Asparagus, beans and spinach are 10 points and corn and peas 20 points for No. two cans.

Beginning Sunday 85 per cent of all now ration-free meats will go back on the ration list. The OPA was not too worried about hoarding of meat because it is too difficult to keep. Meats included are utility beef, better grades and cuts of veal, bacon, pork shoulders, spare ribs, beef and veal liver, some sausages and meats in tin or glass containers. Point values will range from one to 13.

All red and blue ration stamps valid before Dec. 1 are no longer valid. All sugar stamps except No. 34 are no longer valid, a new sugar stamp will be issued Feb. 1, but it will be good for five pounds over a three months period instead of the present two and a half months.

Butter is up from 20 to 24 points.

Bowles said the decision had been "difficult to make" but necessary "because civilian supplies of sugar, butter and commercially canned fruits and vegetables are at the lowest point since the war began and meat supplies are declining."

"When Americans understand the facts back of today's action—that prospective supplies are smaller and that it will help each one to get his fair share—I am sure they will welcome the action," Bowles said.

Republicans laid the tight situation to the administration's failure to appoint a food "czar" with full power to handle all phases of the food industry, and indicated they might renew their fight for such an official in the new congress.

## TRY BANNER WANT ADS

## Find Her Dead



BECAUSE she believed she had lost the love of Navy Lt. James G. Stanley, pretty Virginia Thompson, above, of Pasadena, Cal., committed suicide by taking poison in his Chicago apartment, where she moved Nov. 30, when he entered Great Lakes hospital with pneumonia. (International)



## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Creditors, Heirs and Legatees of Emma Garrett, deceased, to appear in the Putnam Circuit Court, held at Greencastle, Indiana, on the 15th day of January, 1945, and show cause, if any, why the FINAL SETTLEMENT ACCOUNTS with the estate of said decedent should not be approved and said heirs are notified to then and there make proof of heirship, and receive their distributive shares.

Roy C. Sutherland, Bonis Non Administrator, De said Court, this 18th day of Dec., 1944 No. 7598.

Omer C. Akers, Clerk Putnam Circuit Court.

## WEARS NEW INSIGNIA

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 26.—(UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today was wearing his five-star insignia beaten out of a miscellaneous collection of Filipino, Dutch and Australian silver coins furnished by his aides.

The word that MacArthur had been promoted to the rank of general of the army posed a knotty problem. No such insignia as the five stars in a circle were available here.

A Filipino silversmith from Leyte township was called in for a hurry-up job, and instructed how to make the new badge. The coins showered down, and in record time he came up with two handsome insignia designating MacArthur's rank.

## HEAVY JAP LOSSES

(Continued from Page One)  
losses in the Leyte-Samar campaign since the American landing Oct. 20 at 54,338 Japanese dead already recovered, an estimated 18,500 dead either buried by the enemy or still to be recovered, 493 prisoners, 30,000 troops sunk at sea in 10 convoys attempting to reinforce the garrison, and 8,890 naval ratings in the crews of 41 transports of 164,250 tons and 27 warships sunk.

In addition 2,748 Japanese

## KELLER-COAN PHARMACY

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planes were shot down, 1,515 by land-based aircraft and the remainder by carrier aircraft from the third fleet. MacArthur said Japanese ground forces had been "practically annihilated."

American losses in the campaign, he said, totaled 11,217—2,623 dead, 8,422 wounded and 172 missing.

## ST. NICK RIDES A GUN CARRIER



BACKED BY A TYPICALLY Dutch flat landscape and an impressive windmill good Santa Claus rides his errand of Christmas cheer aboard a Canadian Bren gun carrier. With the good saint are some of Holland's children, for whom a party was given. Canadian soldiers and a brace of "Black Peters" serve as Santa's assistants on the "reindeer-less" tour. (International Soundphotos)

## "TO THE REAR, MARCH!"--NEWEST BATCH COMES IN



AGAINST THE RUGGED background of a jungle-like battlefield in Hurtgen forest, the latest batch of Supermen, hands in the air in surrender, is marched to the rear of the American lines. This is an official United States Army Signal Corps photograph. (International)

# After Xmas SALE Winter COATS AND SUITS

CHOICE  
1/3 OFF

## PREVO'S

## Public Sale

Having sold my farm, I will offer at public auction at the farm, 1 mile west and one mile south of Morton, 16 miles east of Rockville, and 11 miles northwest of Greencastle, on

**Tuesday, January 2, 45**

At 10:30 A. M. the following:

4 -- HORSES -- 4

One team good work mares; one pair weanling colts.

45 -- CATTLE -- 45

One yellow Jersey cow, 7 years old, 4 gallon per day; one Brindle cow, 5 years old, 3 1/2 gallon per day; one Jersey cow, 3 years old, 3 gallons per day; two Holstein heifers to freshen in January, 2 years old; one Guernsey heifer to freshen in spring; one Jersey heifer open, coming yearling; 14 Hereford cows, coming 3 years old, pasture bred, will calf in February and March; 4 Hereford heifers, coming 2 years old, pasture bred, to calve in March; two Red Shorthorn heifers, pasture bred; two mixed heifers, pasture bred; 12 Hereford calves, good ones, weighing 550 lbs.; 4 mixed feeding calves.

8 -- HOGS -- 8

8 Duroc sows, pure bred, one year old, bred, farrow last of March.

11 -- SHEEP -- 11

Ten 3 year old ewes, one Buck lamb.

HAY AND CORN

1150 bushels good yellow corn, 300 bales good clover hay, 200 bales first cutting of Alfalfa hay, 150 bales second cutting Alfalfa, good; 20 bales good wheat straw.

OATS—100 bushels black oats, good for seed.

HARNESS—One set good team harness.

FARM IMPLEMENTS—1 New Idea wagon with box bed, one new hay frame, 1 good McCormick 8 ft. binder; one Black Hawk corn planter, fertilizer and bean attachment, like new; one good six foot mower with tongue trucks; one 8 foot Dunham tractor pulverizer; one 7 foot disc and tandem; one 8 foot spike tooth harrow; 7 good hog houses, 4 singles and 3 doubles; 2 good metal hog fountains, one nearly new hog feeder; 2 sheep racks, 2 corn cribs on runners, hold 700 bushels of corn.

MISCELLANEOUS items such as forks, shovels, chains, chicken feeders and water fountains and many other articles.

CHICKENS, 200 Austra white hens and pullets, laying good.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—Breakfast tables and four chairs, good; 8 piece dining room suite, extra nice; four poster bed chairs, dressers, knee hole desk, chifferobe, small tables, quilts and comforts, curtain stretchers, curtains, rugs, cooking utensils, dishes, crocks and jars, porch furniture, two telephones, four 8 gallon milk cans, and many other articles.

TERMS — CASH.

**Thomas & Minnie Holland**

Not responsible in case of accident.  
HURST & HUNTER, Auctioneers. CLIFF McMAINS, Clerk.  
Dinner will be served by Union Chapel Ladies.



...S OF EGGS  
EXPECTED IN 1945  
...sufficient stocks of eggs  
...or frozen form already  
...to meet the 1945 lend-  
...requirements, and the  
...of layers on hand only  
...eight per cent below the  
...at the same time last  
...surplus of eggs beyond  
...for civilian and military  
...is expected by Pur-

due University and Department  
of Agriculture authorities.  
During 1944 the stocks of  
dried and frozen eggs accum-  
ulated because egg production  
has been exceeding the goal by  
at least four per cent and it has  
been necessary for the govern-  
ment to purchase these extra  
eggs, as well as a substantial  
additional quantity, in order to  
support egg prices.

About ten billion eggs, 20 per  
cent of all eggs produced, are  
being dried in 1944.  
The job for poultrymen in  
1945 will be to get down to the  
goal for egg production instead  
of increasing production as has  
been requested during the three  
previous years. The nation has  
about 50 million more hens than  
are needed in 1945.  
For Indiana a goal has been

set of 12,000,000 hens on hand  
March 1, 1945. This is a reduc-  
tion of 22 per cent below the  
present indicated level and calls  
for the culling of a million hens  
more than are normally culled  
during January and February.  
These goals, says Joe W.  
Sicer, extension poultryman for  
Purdue, should be a warning to  
Indiana poultry raisers. Prices  
(Continued on Page Four)

**Sports Will Be  
Hit Next Year**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP)—  
Sports officials the nation over  
today awaited word on the status  
of professional athletes for 1945  
and there was grave concern by  
most that the New Year faced  
more than a possibility of being  
virtually sportless.

**AT FIRST  
SIGN OF A  
COLD  
USE 666  
Cold Preparations as directed**

Vidor's "An American Romance"  
the new Technicolor production  
at the Vancastle Theatre, Don-  
levy was filming steel mill se-  
quences for the picture at the  
Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corpora-  
tion, South Works. He spent his  
evenings roaming the town,  
renewing acquaintances with  
favorite haunts of his early  
theatrical days.

**-Lost-**  
LOST: Lady's Gruen wrist  
watch; gold band of heart and  
flower links. Call Banner Office.  
Reward. 1p.  
LOST: Lady Elgin wrist watch,  
downtown Friday. Reward. Call  
931. 26-1t  
Walking cane left in car on  
way to Easter's. It will be ap-  
preciated if car owner will re-  
turn cane to Mark's Circle Inn.  
26-1p.  
LOST: Black leather cigarette  
case in Vancastle, Monday night.  
Reward. Return to Banner Of-  
fice. 26-1p.  
LOST: Bracelet, sterling silver  
with rhinestone sets. Reward.  
Phone 7, between 8:00 and 4:00  
or 792. 26-3t.

**-FOUND-**  
FOUND: Men's house slippers  
and light bulbs, left in car by  
mistake. Owner may call at  
Banner Office. 26-1t.

**Credit Given  
Allied Fliers**  
U. S. NINTH AIR FORCE  
ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS,  
ERS, Dec. 26.—(UP)—Airmen  
of the Ninth Tactical Air Force  
were credited today with one of  
their greatest bags of the war in  
Christmas Day strikes at the  
German spearhead in Belgium,  
knocking out more than 1,100  
vehicles and 35 planes.  
Reconnaissance pilots also re-  
ported that 30 German-held Bel-  
gian villages had been left in  
flames after the aerial attacks.  
Mustangs and Tunderbolts  
took off in perfect, cloudless  
weather to carry the aerial  
phase of the allied counterattack  
against the Germans big gam-  
bling offensive into its third  
straight day.  
"It was pay day again for us,"  
said 1st Lt. Donald B. Smith,  
Thunderbolt pilot of Mahaffey,  
Pa. "All over the battle area  
there were queues of planes  
waiting to swoop down on tar-  
gets. You could almost tell how  
the main roads ran by the  
strings of planes hovering over-  
head, waiting to strafe anything  
that moved."  
Reconnaissance pilot 1st Lt.  
Karl Brandt of Newport, Pa.,  
said Thunderbolts in attacks on  
30 German held Belgian villages  
had left all in flames.  
"Fires were burning in prac-  
tically every town in the battle  
area," he said.  
Meanwhile Marauder medium  
bombers plastered two bridges  
on the Moselle river and four  
communication centers immedi-  
ately behind the front, contin-  
uing the campaign to isolate the  
German spearhead from supplies  
and reinforcements.  
Other pilots reported that  
their big 72 hours over the battle  
area already had changed the  
course of the conflict. They re-  
ported German armored convoys  
and supply columns for the first  
time were taking to secondary  
roads, just as they did in the  
Normandy massacres, in an at-  
tempt to avoid the sky-borne de-  
struction.  
Luftwaffe strength over the  
battle area continued to dwindle  
as it has daily since the air  
phase of the battle began.  
The Ninth airmen encountered  
fewer than 100 German fighters.  
They shot down 28 in isolated  
combat. Four others, and five  
probables were destroyed on the  
ground.  
Revised figures today showed  
that the Ninth's score for the  
day was 813 motor vehicles de-  
stroyed and 219 damaged; 99  
armored vehicles including tanks  
destroyed, and 11 damaged.  
Through the day fighter  
bombers flew 1,050 sorties and  
medium and light bombers 750  
sorties. The losses were listed  
at 17 fighter bombers and seven  
medium bombers.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that the  
undersigned has been appointed  
by the Judge of the Circuit Court  
of Putnam County, State of Indi-  
ana, co-Administrator of the  
estate of Ivan C. Robinson late of  
Putnam County, deceased.  
Said estate is supposed to be  
solvent.  
Ray Robinson and  
F. Gilbert Kneitzer  
Co-Administrators  
No. 8595,  
Omer C. Akers, Clerk of the  
Putnam Circuit Court,  
F. G. Stoesel, Attorney. 12-3t.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the  
Creditors, Heirs and Legatees  
of Henry H. Holloway, deceased,  
to appear in the Putnam Circuit  
Court, held at Greencastle, Indi-  
ana, on the 15th day of January,  
1946, and show cause, if any, why  
the FINAL SETTLEMENT AC-  
COUNTS with the estate of said  
decedent should not be approved;  
and said heirs are notified to then  
and there make proof of their ship,  
and receive their distributive  
shares.  
John O. Rightsell, Admr.  
WITNESSE the Clerk of said  
Court, this 15th day of Dec., 1944.  
No. 8494,  
Omer C. Akers, Clerk Putnam  
Circuit Court.  
Gilles & Lyon, Attys. 12-2t.

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Get your share

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This coat is fully lined and is shower proof-  
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You can sure keep warm in one of these  
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**BOYS' MACKNAWS** . . . . . Were \$9.49  
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er. 7.49  
**BOYS' ZELAN WOOL LINED JACKETS** Were 9.98  
Fabric treated with Du Pont, durable repel-  
lent finish. These jackets are approved for  
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## VALUES FOR CHILDREN

**BOYS' TWO PIECE SUITS** . . . . . Were 1.49  
Short sleeves, all washable in fast colors.  
Ideal for small children. 1.27  
**MELEY BABY OIL** . . . . . Were 39c  
Especially made for your baby's delicate soft  
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the baby's body, especially in the skin folds. 19c  
**CHILDREN'S ROMPER SUITS** . . . . . Were 1.19  
This garment is made of extra fine cotton and  
is washable. Colors yellow and blue. 97c  
**DIAPER BAGS** . . . . . Were 1.98  
This is a very handy bag and is certainly the  
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**COTTON BLOSSOM CHENILLE RUGS** Were 5.95  
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Slendering rayon satin makes an unusu-  
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Full platform and shirred vamp  
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Made of rayon and is a feminine essential for  
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**WOMEN'S GARTER BELTS** . . . . . Were 1.19  
Smooth rayon satin with the elastic in seams  
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Gracefully tucked and darted for fit. This  
blouse will make a big addition to your  
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Made of 100% Virgin wool. These are  
slightly soiled in folds. Pastel shades in all  
colors. 2.39  
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Round hole mesh pattern, flattering for either  
daytime or night. These are practical as well  
as becoming. 37c

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**AUTOMATIC HOG WATERING TROUGHS** Were \$11.50  
Holds up to 40 lb. pressure, brass valve,  
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fittings, 3-4 inch pipe. 8.50  
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Can be used as a chair, or short ladder, red  
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and painting it yourself. 4.98  
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This set consists of a 40 inch bow made of  
hardwood, three well made birch arrows  
and a 16" full color target face. 1.67  
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This case is made of hard trunk fiber, a  
high grade strong material that will give  
long satisfactory service. 2.19  
**U. S. ARMY HARNESS** . . . . . Were 51.79  
This harness is really made strong and  
equipped with the same fine qualities as  
harness priced much higher. 44.95  
**TILE BOARD - Gray Green in color** Were 35c  
Modernize your bath room for only a few  
dollars while we have a supply as the quan-  
tity of sheets is limited. 21c

Racing, already a casualty by  
virtue of war mobilization director  
James F. Byrnes' order on Sat-  
urday that all horse and dog  
tracks cease operation on Jan. 3,  
readily agreed to back the di-  
rective 100 per cent. Santa Anita  
at Arcadia, Cal., cancelled its 55  
day meeting which was to have  
been one of the richest in the  
history of the sport.

Tropical park opened yester-  
day and planned to continue op-  
eration through Jan. 2. The  
Florida racing commission, which  
governs the Miami track, granted  
permission for nine instead of  
eight race cards and track of-  
ficials said that purses from the  
extra race would be used to as-  
sist horsemen in returning to  
their homes.

A record-breaking crowd of  
14,171 racing fans jammed the  
park yesterday and poured  
\$716,716 through the mutual  
machines, also a record and a  
brief indication that the meet  
will be a daily record-breaker  
during its brief span.  
Concern for other sports was  
raised when Byrnes issued a  
directive to selective service  
director General Lewis B. Her-  
shey to re-examine all profes-  
sional athletes who have been de-  
ferred or discharged from mili-  
tary service for physical reasons.  
Hershey advised Byrnes that  
pursuant to the demands, he was  
ordering all local boards to re-  
view the cases immediately.

Byrnes' letter to the selective  
service director said that it was  
"difficult for the public to  
understand" how a large number  
of men between the ages of 18  
and 26 could be unfit for military  
service and yet be able to com-  
pete with the "greatest athletes  
of the nation in games demand-  
ing physical fitness."

The reviews will apply to pro-  
fessional athletes who have been  
deferred because they failed to  
meet physical requirements for  
service as well as those dis-  
charged from the Army and  
Navy.  
Professional baseball and foot-  
ball, already pared to the bone  
as far as manpower was con-  
cerned, would find it difficult to  
operate if the new orders de-  
prive them of still more person-  
nel.

All sports officials, however,  
were in complete accord that  
their sports would back the war  
effort to the limit and if cessa-  
tion of activity in professional  
sports was desired by those run-  
ning the war, the word need only  
be spoken.

**REDS IN BUDAPEST**  
(Continued From Page One)  
terday after a swirling five-day  
battle that cost the Germans  
and Hungarians almost 20,000  
men killed or captured.  
Advancing as much as 13  
miles through a 25-mile breach  
in the Axis defenses, the Red  
army sealed the fate of the cap-  
ital with a thrust to within six  
miles of the Danube crossing at  
Esztergom, 19 miles to the  
north.

A communique said the enemy  
was in full retreat, abandoning  
huge quantities of equipment in  
a rush to escape the rapidly  
closing trap. Thousands of Nazi  
and Hungarian soldiers were  
hemmed inside the city itself,  
however, and it seemed certain  
that in a matter of days at most  
they would have an opportunity  
to make good their boast to turn  
Budapest into another Staling-  
rad.

With little prospect of ex-  
tricating more than a scattering  
of men and equipment from the  
city, military observers believ-  
ed the Nazis would use Buda-  
pest's subways, hills, canals and  
tall buildings for a destructive  
and suicidal delaying stand.  
One Soviet spearhead drove in-  
to the capital's western limits  
yesterday in a five mile advance  
that carried from Torbagy to  
Budakeszi, which is separated  
from the city's built-up districts  
by a mile-wide park.

Nine miles to the south, an-  
other armored column penetra-  
ted within two miles of the city  
proper at Nagytetyeny, and a  
communique disclosed that  
everywhere along the nine-mile  
line the Soviets were only three  
miles or less from their goal.  
Tolbukhin's left wing, mean-  
while, hammered out a 15-mile  
gain northward from captured  
Bicske to seize Csolnok, six miles  
below Esztergom and less than

**Tigers Lost But  
Had Fine Trip**  
Coach Lloyd Messersmith, in  
commenting today on the bas-  
ketball game between his De-  
Pauw team and Holy Cross at  
Boston, Mass., last Saturday  
night, said that the Old Gold  
cagers did not display their best  
brand of ball but that they had  
an enjoyable trip East.

The DePauw mentor hinted  
that if the Tigers had been up  
to par they would have defeat-  
ed their opponent. As it was,  
Holy Cross won the tilt, 41 to 35.  
Stan London, star forward,  
sprained his ankle during the  
opening five minutes of the fray  
and this handicapped the Meth-  
uist offensive. The game was  
witnessed by nearly 7,000 spec-  
tators in the Boston Gardens,  
the biggest crowd to see a net  
contest in the history of the  
"Down East" metropolis. Earl  
(Red) Gardner and Bob Sattler,  
reserve forward, looked best for  
the local collegians, Messersmith  
stated.

In the other game of the even-  
ing, Yale downed Dartmouth, 45  
to 42, the first time that the  
Yale boys had won in basketball  
from Dartmouth in six years.  
DePauw's next game will be  
played on the Bowman gym  
floor on the night of Friday,  
January 5th, with the strong  
University of Louisville cagers.  
The Kentuckians drubbed Wa-  
shash and Messersmith said that  
his scouts had reported that the  
Louisville outfit is one of the  
best in Kentucky this winter.

**Bowling**  
Tonight  
6:30—Zinc Mill vs. Post Office  
8:30—Elite's vs. Home Laun-  
dry  
Wednesday  
6:30—Stevens vs. Coca Cola  
8:30—University A vs. Uni-  
versity C  
Thursday  
7—Midwest vs. University B  
Friday  
7—O. K. Barbers vs. V. F. W.

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University C . . . . . 15 18  
Post Office . . . . . 14 19  
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University B . . . . . 11 22

five miles from the Danube bend.  
Another spearhead to the south-  
east took Leanyvar, 13 miles  
northwest of Budapest and less  
than nine miles south of the  
Danube.  
German armored forces coun-  
ter-attacked repeatedly against  
the flanks of the Russian salient  
jutting up toward the Danube  
but failed to halt the Red Army  
drive. At least 61 Nazi tanks  
were wrecked in the break-  
through area Sunday and Rus-  
sian planes knocked out 20 more  
yesterday.

At the same time, other Rus-  
sian forces 32 miles southwest  
of Budapest began an advance  
up the Szekesfehervar - Vienna  
railway line and captured Moha-  
cs, 67 miles from the Austrian  
border.  
Far to the north of Budapest,  
units of Marshal Rodon Y. Mal-  
inovskiy's second Ukrainian ar-  
my advanced five miles along  
the edge of the Bratislava plain  
to take Setich, eight miles west  
of Sahy. Another the Slovak  
railway town of Zvolen in a  
thrust apparently aimed at clear-  
ing Malinovskiy's northern flank  
preparatory to a big push west-  
ward toward Vienna.

**AT THE VONCASTLE**  
Brian Donlevy had a date with  
some "ghosts" recently.  
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Studebaker Theatre in Chicago  
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HONEYMOON...  
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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

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H-O-W-L  
OF LAUGHTER!



## B-29 CREW ENJOYS TOKYO ROSE'S VERSION OF RAID



SEVEN SUPERFORTRESS combat crewmen, who have just returned from a B-29 raid over Tokyo couldn't wait to hear what Tokyo Rose's account of the mission would be like. Left to right, Cpl. Vincent De Filippi, Brooklyn; Sgt. W. J. Chapman, Panhandle, Tex.; Sgt. Kenneth M. Mansir, Randolph, Me.; Cpl. Clarence L. Ceres, Harvey, Ill.; Sgt. Corbett L. Carnegie, Thousand Islands, N. Y.; Sgt. Milton Dickman, Perryville, Mo., and Cpl. Thomas L. Bonvinci, Bridgeport, Conn., get quite a kick out of this version of Japan's famous American propagandist. AAF photo. (International Soundphoto)

## SEEM TO BE HAPPY ABOUT THE WHOLE THING



GRINNING HAPPILY, these German prisoners captured by the 83rd Infantry Division march through the streets of Gurnitz, Germany. They know they are on their way out of the war for the duration. This is an official United States Army Signal Corps photograph. (International)

## VONCASTLE

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THE LAUGH  
BANG OF A  
LIFETIME!



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ARTHUR SPACE  
VEDA ANN BORG

with  
SO PROUDLY WE SERVE  
SEA FOOD MAMAS  
AND NEWS.

## Holiday List Of Casualties

By United Press

Weekend holiday accidents had accounted for more than 276 deaths throughout the nation today, more than two-thirds of them the result of traffic mishaps in 38 different states.

Heaviest toll was registered in California, where highway mishaps claimed 31 of the state's 39 accidental deaths over the week end. New York followed with 28 deaths, 17 of which were attributed to collisions along ice-coated highways.

A traffic death toll of 275 had been predicted by the National Safety Council on the basis of accidents during previous holiday seasons. The council's estimate, however, included subsequent deaths resulting from injuries received in holiday accidents.

Ten of Pennsylvania's 18 deaths occurred in the weekend's major tragedy, the crash of a 27-passenger army transport on fog-shrouded Reese's Summit, one mile west of the Harrisburg airport. An additional 18 dead were reported in Michigan, where an apartment house fire claimed five lives and automobile and train accidents accounted for 12 others.

Sixteen deaths were listed for Oklahoma, and 14 persons died in Massachusetts as a result of traffic accidents, fires and falls.

A derailment of the "Viking," Chicago-bound passenger train of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad near Poplar Grove, Ill., caused the death of one person and injured at least 29 others.

## Jap General Issues Report

By United Press

Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, commander in chief of the Japanese forces in the Philippines was quoted by Tokyo radio today as saying that Japan need not worry "about an island or two—"we've got lots of them."

Yamashita, recently interviewed at his headquarters, said he "came to the Philippines with one purpose—to fight—and the hope of directing this war to a successful finish."

"If we can smash 150,000 or 200,000 American troops here it

ought to make even America wince. Why worry about an island or two—we've got lots of them."

Tokyo radio, in a broadcast heard by United Press, San Francisco, quoted Yamashita as saying that the guerrilla problem could be easily dismissed by letting "those who care to side with the Americans move over with them to their island and those who trust in us can stick with the Japanese on Japanese-held areas."

"This," he said, "will eliminate the nuisance of traitor elements once and for all and then all we would have to do is deal with guerrillas and Americans in a single convenient bunch."

## Snow In Italy Slows Fighting

ROME, Dec. 26.—Heavy snowfalls from three to eight inches blanketed the Italian battlefronts today, limiting activity largely to patrolling, though one sharp fight was reported from the U. S. 5th Army front.

Near Monte Rumici, 12 miles below the vital communications and industrial center of Bologna, the troops of Lt. Gen. Lucien Truscott's command clashed with the Germans, but no change of positions occurred.

Meanwhile, Canadians of the British 8th Army expanded their hold on the east bank of the Senio River, clearing enemy units from strongpoints despite stubborn resistance.

Polish troops on the left flank of the 8th's front exploited repeated patrols over the upper reaches of the river at a point five miles below the Bologna highway near Castel Bolognese. The Germans stepped up artillery and mortar fire against forward positions of the 8th Army.

## EXPECT EGG SURPLUS

(Continued from Page Three) of quality eggs have been good during the fall but as soon as flush production begins, a sharp decrease in prices can be expected.

Support price for eggs at 90 per cent of parity is required

under the Steagall amendment but the relation between egg and feed prices is not expected to remain favorable for the poultryman. The wise poultryman will cull his flock closely now so that only the best will be on hand when the drop in egg prices comes.

## HOG MARKET

Hogs 5,000; 160-180 lbs. to 30c higher; under 160 steady; top \$14.80 for 180 lbs.; 100-160 lbs., \$12.25-13.25; sows 25c higher; bulk good choice all weights \$11.75; choice light weights \$14.00.

## ATHENS POLICE AND ELAS TROOPS IN STREET BATTLE



STEEL HELMETED ELAS TROOPS use a corner of a building, top above, as shelter for firing upon police headquarters during civil uprising in Athens, Greece. In the bottom photo, battle smoke along the Athens street as the police and demonstrators fire at each other. The parties hit the ground in an effort to escape being hit by the opponents. (International)

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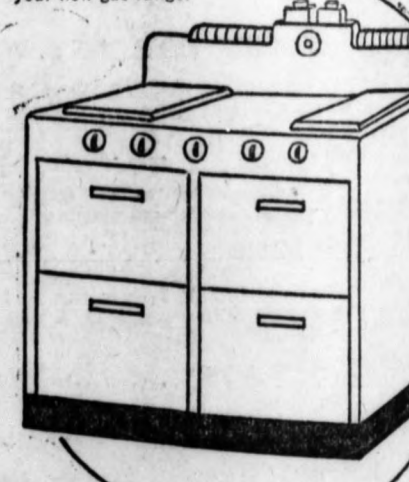
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